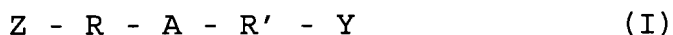


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Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition active against HIV comprising as an active ingredient a linked cyclic compound of ~~general~~ formula I,



in which Z and [in] Y are identical cyclic polyamine moieties having from [9 to 20] 10 to 15 ring members and from 3 to 6 amine nitrogens in the ring spaced by 2 or more carbon atoms from each other, said amine nitrogens being the only ring heteroatoms,

A is an aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety other than quinoline,

R and R' are each methylene linked to nitrogen atoms in Z and Y,  
the amine nitrogen atoms being otherwise unsubstituted.

Cancel claims 2, ~~19~~, 20, 28 and 30 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

The allowability of claims 4-5 and 21-24, if made independent, has been noted. The dependence of these claims has